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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2803

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1702

Dear Senators Reid and McConnell:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific organization, I am writing to applaud your recognition that investment in science and technology is critical to our nation's future ability to compete and innovate. We recognize that many hard choices were made during this year's budget deliberations and greatly appreciate your preserving, to the extent possible, science and technology research funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 full-year continuing resolution.

As you begin discussion on the FY 2012 appropriations process, we urge you to remember the critical role that science and technology play in innovation, international competition, and the future health and well-being of the American people. AAAS, representing the interests of 10 million scientists and engineers worldwide, stands ready to assist. One resource we offer is our analysis of research and development (R&D) in the President's FY 2012 budget request (<http://www.aaas.org/spp/rd/rdreport2012/>).

We would be happy to send you a copy of the AAAS R&D book that details these proposals both by agency and discipline, or personally brief you on R&D in the budget request. Please contact Joanne Carney, Director of the AAAS Office of Government Relations, by e-mail (jcarney@aaas.org) or phone (202.326.6798) if you would like to discuss these and other science policy resources.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members, U.S. Senate



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The Honorable John Boehner
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Washington, DC 20510

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